

## Update on Revised CAEP Standards January 2021

### **Overview of the Report**

This agenda item presents the newly adopted Council on the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) educator preparation standards.

### **Recommendation**

This is an information item.

### **Background**

The Commission has an established partnership with CAEP for institutions that seek to be accredited by both CAEP at the national level and the Commission at the state level. The purpose of the partnership is for both entities to work in a collaborative manner to facilitate accreditation reviews and to minimize the amount of duplicative work on the part of the institution. The partnership includes a joint Commission/CAEP site visit team and Commission staff has worked closely with CAEP staff in the logistics and coordination of joint reviews.

The CAEP bylaws require that CAEP review its standards every 7 years. This past fall, CAEP convened a panel to review its standards. The newly adopted CAEP Standards are available at this link: [2022 CAEP Standards](#).

CAEP indicates that many of the changes adopted in these new standards were intended to address issues of clarity and duplication and new priorities. On its website, CAEP includes the following description of its efforts to revise its standards:

*In most cases the changes include the consolidation, clarification, and the removal of extraneous language. In addition, specific standards for technology have been added, given the increase in online learning. Equity and diversity measures have been specifically included in components of the standards to ensure proper attention is given and each provider must demonstrate progress toward recruiting and graduating a candidate pool that reflects the diversity of America's P-12 students, as well as increased flexibility in documenting candidates academic knowledge and their impact on student learning and development.*

Commission staff will participate in technical assistance sessions and meetings for state partners, as available, to learn more about the expectations for programs around these new standards. In addition, a new crosswalk will need to be developed and adopted by the COA which will compare the current Commission standards with the CAEP standards and which will help guide reviews.

**Next Steps**

After COA discussion, staff will begin the process of updating the CAEP Crosswalk and bring a draft forward for COA consideration and eventual adoption at a future meeting.